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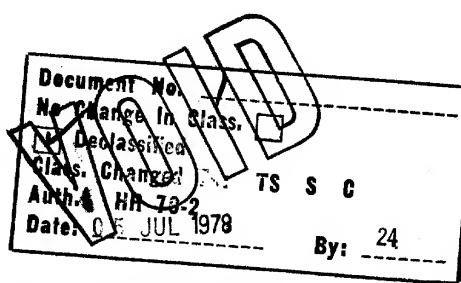
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1. Bulgaria is said to have been ordered to form an army of 20 divisions, while similar orders reputedly have been given to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, so that the three countries should have an ultimate combined strength of 60 divisions. Bulgarian defense forces consist of the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, the workers' units and the sanitary units. Each of these groups has its own chief, or inspector. These men together with the Minister of Defense and Chief of Staff form the Council of Generals.
2. At the present time the Army has two corps commands, with 1 Corps at Sofia and 2 Corps at Stara Zagora. These are six divisions at the present time, but probably none is organized completely. These divisions are Division Sofia, Division Trnavská (location unknown), Division Varna, Division Vidin, Division Dunavská Rúsa, Division Plovdiv. The Dunavská Division at present consists of five infantry regiments, three artillery regiments, an armored infantry battalion located at Rúsa, and a signal battalion at Shumen. Other military unit locations are:
 - a. 31 Infantry Regiment at Svistov.
 - b. 34 Infantry Regiment at Kyustendil.
 - c. 51 Infantry Regiment at Sofia (other reports say that this regiment is located at Lovech).
 - d. 1 Cavalry Regiment at Sofia.
 - e. 1 Armored Regiment at the Lozenic Camp, Sofia.
 - f. 2 Armored Regiment at Plovdiv.
 - g. 4 Armored Regiment at Sofia.
 - h. One artillery regiment at Sofia.
 - i. 4 Anti-Artillery Regiment at Plevlen.
 - j. 4 Anti-Tank Regiment at Lom.

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- k. Anti-Aircraft Section at Sofia.
- l. Anti-Aircraft Section (part of 2 Army Corps) at Plovdiv.
- m. 4 Anti-Aircraft Section (part of 1 Army Corps) at Pleven.
- 3. The following units have recently been moved in and around the city of Dragoman, located near the Yugoslav border:
 - a. The strengthened 1 Elite Attack Regiment.
 - b. The strengthened 26 Infantry Regiment.
 - c. A regiment of rocket throwers (Katyushas).
- 4. The Bulgarian Air Force consists of approximately 12,000 men, including paratroopers, and it is reportedly to be increased to 40,000 men. Units which have been already organized are stationed at the airfields at Bozhurishte, at Felis (sic), at Plovdiv and at Gorna Radovitsa. At the last-named place a flying regiment is supposedly stationed which is subordinate to 5 Division at Ruse. Other reports say that the 1 Bomber Regiment is stationed at Vrazhdebna.
- 5. There are two Soviet war materiel depots in Bulgaria; a central depot for artillery at Lom and a central Navy depot at Ruse. The latter depot allegedly contains approximately 8,600 mines, each weighing from 70 to 75 kilograms.
- 6. The remaining Greek Partisan troops are stationed at Kyustendil, Petrich, Razlog and Vrattsa.

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